

Monday, April 24, 1961

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed bill on sale of surplus farm products.

House sent minimum wage increase bill to conference.

House committee began hearings on general farm bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: 22 bills and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1696-1717; and S. Con. Res. 21.

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Bill Referred: H.R. 6027, to improve benefits under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program by increasing minimum benefits and aged widows' benefits and by making additional persons eligible for benefits under the program, passed by House on April 20, was referred to Committee on Finance.

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Surplus Farm Products: Senate passed without amendment S. 1027, to increase funds for sales of surplus farm commodities for foreign currencies by \$2 billion for calendar year 1961.

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Appointments to Boards and Commissions: Vice President appointed William A. Burden, of New York, to be a member of Citizens Commission for NATO, in place of David Rockefeller.

The Vice President also appointed Senator Smith of Massachusetts to Board of Visitors to U.S. Coast Guard Academy; and Senator Muskie to Board of Visitors to U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

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Authority To Report: Committees were authorized to file reports during Senate adjournment until Thursday.

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Merchant Marine Academy: S. 576, clarifying the status of staff personnel at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, was passed with committee amendment.

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Boating: Senate passed with committee amendment S. 883, to extend the application of the Federal Boating Act of 1958 to certain possessions of the U.S.

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Communications: S. 1288, to provide more flexibility with respect to annual inspections of communications equipment aboard ship, was passed without amendment.

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Minimum Wage: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 3935, Fair Labor Standards Amendments of

1961, agreed to hold conference with House, and appointed as conferees Senators McNamara, Morse, Randolph, Smith of Massachusetts, Pell, Burdick, Goldwater, Dirksen, and Prouty.

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Confirmations: One civilian, and one judicial nomination were confirmed.

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Nominations: Four judicial nominations and numerous Navy and Marine Corps nominations were received.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: On Friday, April 21, subcommittee continued its hearings on fiscal 1962 budget estimates for the Department of Defense, having as its witnesses Charles J. Hitch, Assistant Secretary (Comptroller), and Maurice H. Lanman, Assistant General Counsel, both of the Department of Defense.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, April 26.

APPROPRIATIONS—HEW

Committee on Appropriations: On Friday, April 21, subcommittee continued its hearings on fiscal 1962 budget estimates for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, having as its witness Assistant Surgeon General Robert J. Anderson, Deputy Chief, Bureau of State Services, Public Health Service.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee resumed its hearings on fiscal 1962 budget estimates for the Department of the Interior, receiving testimony from Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall, and Karl S. Landstrom, Director, Bureau of Land Management.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Small Business held hearings on S. 836, Small Business Act Amendments of 1961, receiving testimony from Administrator John Horne, who was accompanied by other SBA officials.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries held hearings on the following four bills: S. 1183, to provide for the reimbursement of certain vessel construction expenses; S. 1184, to amend the Merchant Marine Act with regard to acquisition and disposition of certain vessels; S. 1185, to amend the Merchant Marine Act so as to authorize expenditure from certain capital reserve funds of certain amounts for research and development; and S. 1289, to eliminate the oath requirement with respect to certain export manifests. Testimony was received from Representative Hiestand, and J. Edward Ely, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, both of whom directed their remarks to S. 1289; Adm. Walter C. Ford, Deputy Maritime Administrator, who discussed S. 1183, 1184, and 1185; Adm. John Will, American Export Lines, who testified with regard to S. 1183 and 1184; and Sidney Starbuck, American Tramp Shipowners Association, Inc., who discussed S. 1184.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

D.C. TAXES

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Fiscal Affairs held hearings on H.R. 258, to increase the D.C. sales tax from 2 cents to 3 cents, with testimony from Walter N. Tobriner, President, accompanied by Robert E. McLaughlin and Gen. Frederick J. Clarke, members, all of the D.C. Board of Commissioners, who were accompanied by other D.C. officials; Arnold Sternberg, D.C. Democratic Central Committee; J. C. Turner, Greater Washington Central Labor Council; William A. Roberts, representing the Federation of Citizens Associations and Interfederation of Citizens Associations; William H. Thomas, Federation of Civic Associations; Frank J. Luchs, Washington Real Estate Board; and E. A. Pritchard, Merchants & Manufacturers Association, Inc.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, April 26.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Friday, April 21, committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the nominations of U. Alexis Johnson, of California, to be Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; John A. Calhoun, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad; James K. Penfield, of California, to be Ambassador to Iceland; Ed-

ward J. Sparks, of New York, to be Ambassador to Uruguay; and James Wine, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Prior to this action, in open session, hearings were held on the above-listed nominations, and on the nomination of Julius C. Holmes, of Kansas, to be Ambassador to Iran.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs concluded hearings on S. 869 and S. 870, to amend the Menominee Termination Act to extend Federal supervision of the Menominee Tribe, after receiving testimony from Gerald Grignon and Mitchell Dodge, both representing the Menominee Tribe; and Dr. Thomas L. Shinnick and Albert Stevenson, both of the Division of Indian Health, U.S. Public Health Service.

Subcommittee also held and concluded hearings on S. 751, to extend for 5 years the termination date of the Indian Claims Commission, after receiving testimony from Arthur V. Watkins, Chief Commissioner, Indian Claims Commission; Ramsey Clark, Assistant Attorney General (Lands Division), and Ralph A. Barney, Lands Division, both of the Department of Justice; and H. Rex Lee, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Friday, April 21, Subcommittee on Patents concluded its current series of hearings on S. 1084 and S. 1176, establishing a national policy for the acquisition and disposition of patents on inventions made chiefly through the expenditure of public funds, after receiving testimony from Joseph Campbell, Comptroller General of the U.S., who was accompanied by his associates; Neil Naiden, General Counsel, Atomic Energy Commission; Chauncey Brooks, Jr., National Small Business Men's Association; Lee Loevinger, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; H. M. Horner, Aerospace Industries Association; Carl E. Barnes, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Paul F. Hannah, Electronics Industries Association; and Floyd H. Crews, patents, trademarks, and copyrights section, American Bar Association.

Subcommittee adjourned subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 6567-6600; 4 private bills, H.R. 6601-6604; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 386-388, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 4130, to amend the Menominee Termination Act so as to lessen the impact of the termination of

Federal services to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, amended (H. Rept. 272);

H.R. 5765, to authorize the purchase and exchange of land and interests therein on the Blue Ridge and Natchez Trace Parkways (H. Rept. 273);

H.R. 2010, to amend Agricultural Act of 1949 regarding continuation of Mexican farm labor program, amended (H. Rept. 274);

H.R. 2279, to provide for withdrawal from public domain of certain lands in Granite Creek area, Alaska, for use by Department of the Army at Fort Greely, Alaska, amended (H. Rept. 275);

H.R. 2280, providing for the withdrawal of certain public lands 40 miles east of Fairbanks, Alaska, for use by the Department of the Army as a Nike range, amended (H. Rept. 276);

H.R. 2281, reserving for use by the Department of the Army at Fort Richardson, Alaska, certain public lands in the Campbell Creek area, amended (H. Rept. 277);

H.R. 2282, providing for withdrawal from the public domain of certain lands in the Ladd-Eielson area, Alaska, for the use by the Department of the Army as the Yukon Command Training Site, Alaska, amended (H. Rept. 278);

H.R. 2283, providing for withdrawal from the public domain of certain lands in the Big Delta area, Alaska, for continued use by the Department of the Army at Fort Greely, amended (H. Rept. 279); and

H.R. 3283, revising the boundaries, and changing the name of Fort Vancouver National Monument, in the State of Washington (H. Rept. 280). Page 6631

Subcommittee To Sit: The Subcommittee on Housing of the Committee on Banking and Currency was given permission to sit during the sessions of the House for the balance of this week and all of next week. Page 6617

Minimum Wage: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H.R. 3935, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act in regard to increasing the Federal minimum wage; requested a conference with the Senate; and appointed as conferees Representatives Powell, Roosevelt, Dent, Kearns, and Ayres. Page 6620

Unemployment Relief—Children: Disagreed to Senate amendment to H.R. 4884, to amend the Social Security Act to authorize Federal financial participation in aid to dependent children of unemployed parents; agreed to a conference requested by the Senate; and appointed as conferees Representatives Mills, King of California, O'Brien of Illinois, Mason, and Byrnes of Wisconsin. Page 6620

Bill Referred: S. 1392, authorizing the release and reapportionment of pooled acreage allotments, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Page 6630

Adjournment: Adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GENERAL FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture: Heard Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, on H.R. 6400, to improve and protect farm prices and farm income, to increase farmer participation in the development of farm programs, to adjust supplies of agricultural commodities in line with the requirements therefor, to improve distribution and expand exports of agricultural commodities, to liberalize and extend farm credit services, to protect the interest of consumers. Hearings continue Tuesday, April 25.

AIRCRAFT—MISSILES—VESSELS

Committee on Armed Services: Continued executive consideration of H.R. 6151, to authorize procurement of aircraft, missiles, and vessels. Testimony was given by Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force; Gen. Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff, Air Force; Maj. Gen. John K. Hester, Deputy Director of Operations, Air Force; Lt. Gen. Mark E. Bradley, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Materiel, Air Force; Maj. Gen. J. H. Walsh, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Air Force; Rear Adm. R. K. James, Chief, Bureau of Ships, Navy; Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Ships for Nuclear Propulsion, Navy; and Rear Adm. L. P. Ramage, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Operations and Readiness. Hearings continue, in executive session, Tuesday, April 25.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Housing began hearings on H.R. 6028, to assist in the provision of housing for moderate- and low-income families, to promote orderly urban development, to extend and amend laws relating to housing, urban renewal, and community facilities. Witnesses heard were Robert C. Weaver, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, accompanied by the Federal Housing Commissioner; Public Housing Commissioner-designate; Urban Renewal Commissioner; Community Facilities Commissioner; President, Federal National Mortgage Association; and Chief, Family Housing Division, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL AQUARIUM

Committee on District of Columbia: Subcommittee No. 5 began hearings on H.R. 5990, to construct a National Aquarium in the District of Columbia. Testimony was given by Representative Kirwan; William E. Finley, Director, National Capital Planning Commission; an Assistant Corporation Counsel; and public witnesses. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

SITUS PICKETING

Committee on Education and Labor: General Subcommittee on Labor continued hearings on H.R. 2955, relating to strikes and secondary boycotts in the construction industry. Various public witnesses were heard. Hearings continue Tuesday, April 25.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session for a briefing with Dean Rusk, Secretary of State.

IRRIGATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation held a hearing on the San Juan-Chama and Navajo Indian irrigation projects in New Mexico. Witnesses heard were Edwin L. Mechum, Governor of New Mexico; Representative Montoya; and public witnesses. Hearings continue Tuesday, April 25.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 took testimony and acted on several private immigration bills.

POSTAL—CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H.R. 5674, and related

bills, regarding salary protection for postal and classified employees. Testimony was given by John W. Macy, Chairman, Civil Service Commission; Assistant Postmaster General for Personnel; and other departmental officials.

NASA APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Astronautics: Continued hearings on H.R. 6029, to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for salaries and expenses, research and development, and construction of facilities. Witnesses heard were Robert Seamens, Associate Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other NASA officials. Hearings continue Wednesday, April 26.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Agreed on provisions to be included in the financing portion of the bill relating to the Federal-aid highway program.



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HIGHLIGHTS

House passed Latin American aid appropriation bill and sent additional judgeship bill to conference.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held Thursday, April 27, at noon.

Committee Meetings**APPROPRIATIONS—HEW**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued its hearings on fiscal 1962 budget estimates for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, with testimony in behalf of funds for their Department from Assistant Surgeon General James V. Lowry, Chief, Bureau of Medical Services, and other Public Health Service officials.

Hearings were recessed subject to call of the Chair.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued its hearings on fiscal 1962 budget estimates for the Department of the Interior, with testimony in behalf

of funds for their Department from John O. Crow, Acting Commissioner, Irvin J. Utz, Assistant Commissioner (Resources), Fred H. Massey, Assistant Commissioner (Administration), and other officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee began, in executive session, to mark up H.R. 5000, proposed military construction authorizations for fiscal 1962, but did not conclude work thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Commerce: The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Subcommittee concluded its hearings on S. 1185, to amend the Merchant Marine Act so as to authorize expenditure from certain capital reserve funds of certain amounts for research, development, and